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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

Steve Smith

Application No.: 10/088,563

For:

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Group No.: 3677 Examiner: W. Miller

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 24 SEPTEMBER 2003

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the outstanding Office Action dated 24 September 2003 (the Action). Please amend the above-identified application pursuant to the New Revised Format provisions as provided by the Official Gazette dated August 26, 2003.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Amendments to the Specification are shown on page 2 below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 below.

Remarks begin on page 8 below.

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